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For: ESTERS OF L-CARNITINE OR ALKANOYL L-CARNITINES USEFUL AS

CATIONIC LIPIDS FOR THE INTRACELLULAR DELIVERY OF

PHARMACOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS

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July 23, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: